

Today, we honor an industry that extends to every single American table. The agricultural industry touches each of us on a daily basis. National Agriculture Day is a time for us to acknowledge our dependence on and our gratitude toward this critical industry that plays an important role in our society.

National Agriculture Day aims to promote an understanding of how food, fibers, and renewable resource items are produced and highlights the vital role these materials and processes play in the health of our citizens, economy, and world. We come across an agricultural product in almost every meal we eat and almost every piece of clothing we own. Yet, in this fast-paced and highly industrialized society, we remain largely separated from the incredible industry that makes it all possible. It is my hope that on this day, we take note of our disconnect between what we consume and our understanding of where it comes from.

As we celebrate not only the historical and contemporary significance of this important industry, we must also think about the exciting prospects that lay in its future. It is my sincere hope that National Agriculture Day will help create the awareness and inspire the enthusiasm that our nation's agricultural industry rightly deserves.